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SUBJECT: GOY CONDEMS GREEK COUP

1. IN FIRST OFFICIAL GOY COMMENT ON GREEK CRISIS, FONOFF SPOKESMAN DUSAN BLAGOJEVIC AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 27 SAID, "WE ARE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN NEIGHBORING GREECE WITH SERIOUS ALARM." ADDED THAT "ABOLITION OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, GROSS VIOLATION OF BASIC RIGHTS OF CITIZENS, AND OTHER MEASURES ARE CAUSING ALARM BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN BALKAN PENINSULA AND IN EUROPE." CALLED EVENTS IN GREECE "QUITE CONTRARY TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE UNTIL NOW." WHEN ASKED ABOUT YUGOSLAV CITIZENS IN GREECE, BLAGOJEVIC SAID FONOFF HAD LEARNED THAT TWO YUGOSLAV CITIZENS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BUT HAD RECEIVED NO CLARIFICATION FROM YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN ATHENS, DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES. ADDED THAT YUGOSLAV TRUCKS COULD MOVE ONLY WITH GREEK MILITARY ESCORT.

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2. FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY VOICED CONCERN OVER CURRENT TREND IN GREECE, ACCORDING YUGOSLAV PRESS. MOST PRESS COMMENT HARSHLY CRITICAL OF COUP. PRESUMED U.S. ROLE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PROMINENCE. KOMUNIST APRIL 27 SNEERINGLY REMARKED, "WE ARE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE THAT SMALL GROUP OF COLONELS, FACED BY THE PEOPLE, DECIDED TO TAKE HELM OF STATE, IN SPITE OF WISHES OF COURT AND WITHOUT CONSULTING CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY."

3. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 27 THAT GOY FONOFF OFFICIAL HAD TOLD HIM THAT NEW GREEK GOVT HAD MADE CONTACT WITH LOW-LEVEL OFFICIAL OF YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN ATHENS AND ASSURED HIM THAT NEW GOVT WANTED TO CONTINUE GOOD RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

4. TANJUG APRIL 27 CITED BROADCAST OF "VOICE OF TRUTH" TO EFFECT THAT 600 PERSONS ARRESTED IN SALONICA AFTER COUP, INCLUDING DEPUTIES OF UNITED DEMOCRATIC LEFT AND CENTER UNION AND MEMBERS OF EDA AND LAMBRAKIS. "VOICE OF TRUTH" ALSO SAID, ACCORDING TANJUG, THAT ENTIRE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION OF KAVALLA ARRESTED AND THAT NOBODY IS NOW KEPT IN SPORTS STADIUM IN ATHENS SINCE ALL PRISONERS HAVE BEEN DEPORTED TO ISLAND.

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